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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS:JA
SUBJECT: JAPAN REQUEST FOR AN/SQS-56 SONAR INFORMATION

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A. CNO 172128Z FEB 78 (NOTAL)

1. INFORMATION IN REF A HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH JAPAN MARITIME STAFF OFFICE (MSO). TIME FRAME INDICATED IN REF A FOR AVAILABILITY OF JAPAN REQUESTED INFORMATION IS PLACING SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE ON MSO TO GO AHEAD WITH SELECTION OF DOMESTIC MODEL SONAR SO THAT SHIP DESIGN WORK CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT FALLING FURTHER BEHIND SKED. PORTION OF MSO FIGHTING FOR SELECTION OF AN/SQS-56 REMAINS HAMPERED BY LACK OF COST, PERFORMANCE, AND SHIP DESIGN RELATED DATA (SIZE, WEIGHT, INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS, ETC). MSO ADVISES THAT SELECTION WILL NOT BE PUT OFF MUCH LONGER.

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2. EMBASSY REALIZES IT IS NORMALLY USN POLICY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR SERVICE USE (ASU) BEFORE DISCUSSING FMS.

HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN COMPLEMENTARITY OF FORCES AND JMSDF ASW CAPABILITY TO BE GAINED BY HAVING USN AN/SQS-56 SELECTED AS SONAR SYSTEM

FOR NEW CLASS JAPANESE DESTROYERS MERITS EXTRAORDINARY CONSIDERATION FOR MEETING JMSDF'S REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION. SPECIFICALLY JMSDF NEEDS FOLLOWING INFORMATION SOONEST:

A. LOA AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED OR P&A DATA WHICH WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP REQUESTED LOA.

B. SUMMARY OF OPEVAL PERFORMANCE DATA.

C. SHIPS DESIGN RELATED DATA SUCH AS SPACE, WEIGHT, MOUNTING FOUNDATIONS, INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS, POWER REQUIREMENT, COOLING REQUIREMENT, ETC.

3. WHILE JMSDF STRONGLY PREFERS TO HAVE ABOVE INFO FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IF FOLLOWING INFO CAN BE PROVIDED NLT 20 APR 78, THE PRO-SQS-56 ADVOCATES IN MSO MAY BE ABLE TO HOLD OFF DECISION UNTIL USN CAN PROVIDE PARA TWO DATA:

A. DATE OF USN ASU FOR SQS-56.

B. P&A DATA FOR REQUESTED LOA OR AT LEAST P&B FIGURES FOR ITEMS IN REQUESTED LOA.

C. USN APPROVAL OF CONDUCTING REQUESTED BRIEFING IN TOKYO BY USN AND/OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL (BRIEFING IN TOKYO ESSENTIAL SO THAT ALL MSO SONAR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN SELECTION CAN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS).
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D. DATE BY WHICH SUMMARY OF OPEVAL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ACCOMPLISHING PARA THREE ACTION WILL RESULT IN JMSDF COMMITMENT TO SELECT SQS-56 AND IS CERTAIN THAT NOT ACCOMPLISHING IT WILL PRECLUDE SELECTION OF SQS-56. FOR THIS REASON, EMBASSY URGES ALL CONCERNED TO TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO MAKE ABOVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS INDICATED. SINCE JMSDF PLANS CONSTRUCTION OF 15 TO 20 OF THESE DESTROYERS OVER NEXT 12 TO 15 YEARS, SELECTION OF SQS-56 FOR USE ON LEAD SHIP OF THIS CLASS (JFY 77 DD) WOULD PAVE WAY FOR ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENT IN FUTURE. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO STANDARDIZATION OF SURFACE ASW CAPABILITY THAT EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE ABOVE ACTIONS. MANSFIELD

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